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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Three of the attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2A and 3. The changes are indicated in red. Three of the attached sheets of drawings replace the original sheets, including Figures 1, 2A, 2B and 3.

In Figure 1, the three arrows surrounding reference number 140 are deleted and the reference number is now underlined. The applicant believes this is a preferred way of indicating the recess 140.

In Figure 2A, reference number 140 is now underlined.

In Figure 3, the holes on the portion referred to by reference number 180 have been moved to the portion indicated by reference numbers 130/190. Two holes have been added to the portion indicated as reference number 155. The sectional view indicator, which appears approximately as hands on a clock indicating 4:45, has been amended to remove a central portion of one of the arms of the sectional view indicator. Also, the sectional view indicator has been corrected to indicate that the sectional view can be seen in Figure 4, i.e., the two 3s are replaced by 4s.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the figures.